

Demonstrational manuring work in Parur taluk.

250. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Agricultural Inspector at Perumbavur is doing demonstrational manuring work in Parur taluk;
- (b) if so, where and the nature of work he has done;
- (c) whether the Inspector visits places and gives the necessary instructions to those people who consent to the usage of new fertilizers for their cocoanut palms;
- (d) if he has so visited, the names of such places; and
- (e) the nature of the work done in each place?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (a) The Agricultural Demonstrator, Parur, who is under the control of the Agricultural Inspector, Perumbavur, is carrying on manurial demonstrations in the Parur taluk.

(b) The work is concentrated in the Rural Centre, Manjally. Demonstrations on the manuring of crops, seed selection, cultural improvements, introduction of new crops, fodder cultivation, preparation of composts, control of insect pests, etc., are some of the items of work done.

(c) Yes.

(d) Manjally, Parakadavu, Karumalloor, Kuthiathodu, Alangad, Chengamanad, Parur, Kottuvalli, Varapuzha, Kottapuram, etc.

(e) Meeting ryots and giving them advice and instructions on all agricultural and allied subjects.

English Copy Books.

251. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the person in whose favour the contract re: English copy books has been settled;
- (b) the terms of the contract; and
- (c) whether any extension of the period originally fixed by the contract has been allowed?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Mr. K. Raghavan Pillai, Managing Proprietor, Messrs. Neveendra & Co., Publishers, Trivandrum.

(b) The *information is laid on the table.

(c) Yes. An extension for one year has been allowed.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether this Company is registered under the Travancore Companies Act?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, it is not registered.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether Government will enter into contract with companies which are not registered under the law in force?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There is no law that contracts should be given only to registered companies.

*Vide Appendix V page 642--644.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know whether this company has any other name?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I do not know.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know whether this company is connected with the S. R. V. Press?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I am not sure.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know the number of copy books printed and whether any subsequent order was given for printing more copies?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes, two orders were given.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know why the term of period was extended?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Because Government thought it fit to encourage the company.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Was any tender called for before the period was extended.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know why no tender was called for?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : This thing happened in 1938. I cannot say now why no tender was called for.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know whether any income tax is derived from this company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : The information is confidential.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, I rise to a point of order. Can the fact whether a company is paying income tax or not be confidential?

PRESIDENT : Now that the question is raised I am sure Government will take care to find out whether any income tax has been paid by this company. How can the Chief Secretary be expected to be ready with the income tax returns? That question does not arise out of this question.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : The Chief Secretary was saying that it is not a registered company and I was trying to point out that in that case this company cannot be recognised.

PRESIDENT : A man may call himself a registered company and may not be paying any income tax but he may be taxed as an individual.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, it is only a means to avoid payment of income tax.

PRESIDENT : Yes, the matter will be enquired into.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ശ്രീരാമവിലാസം പ്രസിനോട് ഏതെങ്കിലും വിധത്തിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും ബന്ധമുള്ള യാതൊരാൾക്കും കാൺഭാഷ്വര കൊടുക്കരുതെന്നു വ്യവസ്ഥയുണ്ടോ ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഒരിക്കലുമില്ല.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know on what special grounds Government thought it fit to encourage this company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Sir, the thing happened in 1938 and I have to look into the papers to answer that question.

PRESIDENT: Are these ordinarily given on tender?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: What was the special reason to give such orders without calling for tenders?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Sir, I said that this took place in 1938.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: കമ്പനിക്കാർ ഏറ്റെടുത്ത ജോലി ശരിയായി നിർവ്വഹിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന് പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: : ഉണ്ട്.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Is there no other company which is able to cope with the situation?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government cared to see whether there are other companies which are prepared to offer better terms for the contract?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Sir, I rise to a point of order. Is it for the Honourable Member to say whether the question arises or not?

PRESIDENT: I suppose he is submitting to the Chair that the question does not arise.

Price of rice in the Travancore markets.

252. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (Vaikam cum Kottayam):** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the merchants are unduly inflating the price of rice in the Travancore markets and if so will they be pleased to state the action taken by them on the matter?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR (Controller of food supplies): Some increase of price is noticed from February onwards in the markets of the State. This is only in keeping with the higher rates in outside markets from where the articles in question are largely imported. Instances of speculative capitalists making large purchases of paddy and rice from Travancore with a view to profiteering were brought to the notice of Government, and instructions were issued to the officers concerned to watch the situation and to prevent export of the food stuffs on a commercial basis from the State and thus prevent inflation in the price of such essential food stuffs.

Appendix IV**Vide Answer to Question No. 249.***Confidential.*Office of the Insp. Genl. of Police,
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There are criticisms in the press, suggesting corruption, lack of morality, bad behaviour and drunkenness amongst certain members of the Police Force. It would seem that the press has rather overdrawn the picture. Nonetheless, it has to be believed that there must be a modicum of truth in the allegations. All Officers are requested to conduct themselves in a manner creditable to themselves, the Police Force and the Government and try to keep themselves beyond the pale of reproach or even suspicion.

G. S. A. KARIM,
Inspector-General of Police.

Appendix V.**Vide Answer to Question No. 251.**

*The terms of the contract for the printing and sale of English
Copy books.*

1. The contractor shall deposit B. Rs. (350) Three hundred and fifty only as security for the due performance by him of the terms and conditions of this contract and on his part to be observed and performed.
2. The period of contract shall be 2 years commencing with the school year 1939-40.
3. The contractor shall pay to Government a royalty calculated at the rate of one chuckram per book and the amount due in respect of the books sold in each month shall be remitted into the nearest Government Treasury to the credit of the Government Press (XXI 2 C) at the end of that month.
4. The contractor shall submit to the Superintendent, Government Press, or such other officer as may be authorised in this behalf by Government, monthly returns of the copies of the books sold together with the chalan receipts evidencing the remittance of royalty due in the Treasury. The contractor shall also maintain a stock book correctly showing accounts of the books printed and sold including those in the hands of his agents appointed under clause 14 infra as well as the amount realised by such sale. Such books of accounts shall be open to inspection at any time by the Superintendent, Government Press or any other officer deputed by Government for the purpose. The contractor shall afford all facilities in the matter of such inspection.

5. The contractor shall before the schools reopen after the mid-summer recess of 1114 keep ready in his office, for inspection the following number of copies of each copy book :—

Copy book No.	I	...	45,000
Do.	II	...	31,000
Do.	III	...	12,000
Do.	IV	...	11,000

6. If it is found that further copies of the above books are necessary the contractor shall prepare such number of additional copies of each book as may be required by Government and within the time limit, if any, prescribed therefor and subject to all conditions herein set forth.

7. The copies of all the copy books shall be printed neatly and legibly on paper prescribed by Government for the purpose. The size of the book will be 10 x 7½" and each book should contain 24 pages. Books shall be bound with thick coloured paper. The get up and other details shall be fixed by Government.

8. The final proofs shall be duly passed by the Director of Public Instruction before printing.

9. The contractor shall be bound to make copies of the copy books ready for sale before the schools reopen after the midsummer recess each year.

10. As soon as copies are ready the contractor shall give intimation to that effect to the Officer in charge of the Central Printing Office, who will then check the number of copies printed and made ready and stamp the books with the special Government seal provided for the purpose. The contractor shall not sell any copy which does not bear on it the Government stamp referred to above. The books will also be machine numbered by the Officer in charge of the Central Printing Office. The charges for the stamping and numbering should be met by the Contractor.

11. All printed copies of the copy books shall be deemed to be the property of Government until they are actually sold by the contractor.

12. The contractor shall at his own cost and risk arrange for the distribution of the copies of the books sufficiently early before the re-opening of the schools after the midsummer recess so as to make the copies easily available to the purchasers in all parts of the State.

13. The price per copy of the copy books shall be four chs. and the contractor shall be bound to sell them at that rate only throughout the State.

14. The contractor shall not assign or sublet his rights under this contract except with the previous sanction in writing of the Government and any assignment or subletting in contravention of this clause will not on any account bind the Government. The contractor shall however be entitled to have local agents for the sale of the copy books and the names and the addresses of such agents as well as any change of agents or any change in their addresses shall be duly intimated to Government.

15. The security deposit made under this contract will be returnable to the contractor three months after the expiry of this contract and after the final settlement of account between the contractor and the Government. It shall however be open to Government to declare the security deposit or any portion thereof forfeited to Government in the event of any breach by the contractor of all or any of the terms and conditions of this contract and on his part to be observed and performed.

16. In the event of any breach by the contractor or by any of his agents of all or any of the terms and conditions of his contract it shall be competent for Government to cancel this contract and take possession of all the copies of the copy books in the possession of the contractor and his agents. The contractor shall in such case be entitled only to the cost of production of the books as estimated by the Superintendent, Government Press, subject to any reasonable penalty that the Government may impose. The Superintendent's decision on the cost of production shall be final. The cancellation of the contract under this clause shall not in any way prejudicially affect the right of Government to recover all loss and damages incurred by Government on account of the breach of contract by the contractor.

17. All sums found due to Government under this contract shall be recovered under the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Act for the time being in force from the assets of the contractor as well as his guarantor if any.

18. In all matters relating to the interpretation of the terms of this contract or on the question whether there is a breach of the contract by the contractor the decision of the Government shall be accepted as final.

Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question No. 253.

Bridges in Trivandrum over which heavy load traffic is prohibited.

<i>Name of bridge.</i>	<i>Date of prohibition.</i>
1. Bridge over Kowdiyar-Pattam road	...
2. Goureesapattom bridge in 1/6 on the road from Ophthalmic Hospital to Pattam road, 2nd section	Not known.
3. Iron Bridge in 1/8 of the road from Pattam bridge to Kannanmoolai Bridge	12-5-1116.
4. Kannanmoolai Bridge	... do.
	... 1928.